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As to the Kansas City Convention.

EDITOR NEWSBOY:

In response to your request that I should give you my views on the duty of Democrats at the coming convention, I have this to say:

It is time the old line Democrats were falling into line—that party class who still adhere to the immortal principles of the party, the sturdy yeomanry of the country, the descendants of the school of Jefferson and Jackson. How are the mighty fallen! To what base uses has the grand old party been prostituted by the bankers, plutocrats and coupon clippers of the Hill and Cleveland pattern.

We of the old school of Jeffersonian Democracy have been betrayed by Wall street crooks. The good old money, silver, which had, during all the trying times of our struggle for independence—through all the changing fortunes of our national existence, walked hand in hand with gold as the money of the constitution and of the people, has been debased by the subservient and cringing action of our chief magistrate.

Since when has this mighty nation fallen so low in its independence that it must be the humble and feeble servant of English gold?

Did the old Revolutionary fathers call an international conference to determine whether it would be good policy to revolt from British tyranny? Where would this glorious Republic be if our forefathers had tamely submitted their grievances to an international conference? Where we today are the grandest nation on the earth, we would have been a poor little dependency to England like Canada or Cape Colony.

Why submit the question of free coinage to a conference of nations when we have the key to the situation within ourselves? As well try to argue with a highway robber who is robbing you as to compromise for silver with the gold barons of the earth. The goldbugs will never make a concession to lessen the power of their money metal. The initiative must be taken by a strong and independent power like our own. Our country as a nation has been centripetal in her great policies. Instead of taking her cue from other nations it has been her practice, until late, to give the cue.

Let the United States pass a free coinage or any bill placing silver upon an equality with gold upon a proper ratio, and the cause of silver will be taken up by the other nations of the earth.

The Democrats of this county should use due caution in their township meetings, which are to be held today. The three delegates selected to attend the Kansas City convention should be outspoken free silver and free trade Democrats, and should in that convention urge the endorsement of our Democratic senators and representatives who stood by the Chicago platform. Mr. Cleveland has abandoned a vital principle in that platform, betrayed the Democratic party on the financial question, and no Western Democrat should endorse him. ALBERT DE REIGN.

—There are in Benton a lot of utterly useless, non-descript curs that keep up nightly pandemoniums of barking and howling, keeping half the town awake. They are no good in any direction. They are not ornamental nor intelligent, and a small boy could drive the whole cowardly pack a mile by lifting a stone. They protect nothing and are most numerous where there is least to protect. In cases of sickness they are a positive outrage.

Ladies If you want any Calicoes, Gingham, Dress Goods, Cashmeres, or White Goods, don't forget G. MANDELSON'S place at Oran. You can there get any kind of goods for less money than in any town in Southeast Missouri.

—There being only one saloon in town, and it in a very small, temporary shanty, Joe Compas will have to turn the hose on the people next week in order to get them "wet up." We fear the capacity of the saloon will be insufficient for the occasion.

—Parties in need of stock pens can secure them at the store of Anderson Bros., Commerce, the next few days at a favorable price, as they are in need of warehouse room.

—The Benton people have spent the week in preparing to entertain the visitors next week. New furniture, new bedding and new dishes have been added to nearly every house in town.

—The approaching term of court will be the largest held in Scott County for many years. Everybody and their uncles, aunts and cousins are expected to be here.

—A new stock of millinery goods is to arrive at Mrs. M. A. Moyes, Diehlstadt, soon.

—Turn out to the township conventions to-day and see to it that Arnold does not lose a vote.

SOUTHEAST NOTES.

The Dexter people want the stores to drop the sale of cigarettes. Good cigarettes are messier than cheap whiskeys.

Two hundred men have been re-employed at the Iron Mountain mines. Twenty-eight young ladies in Cape Girardeau are taking a census of the church members in that city.

Poplar Bluff came near having a fall delivery on the 3rd inst. Ten minutes more and the birds would have flown. The advent of a new prisoner revealed to the jailer the fact that a hole had been cut through the wall.

The body of a woman taken up for reinterment at Poplar Bluff was found to be petrified.

Decker Messenger: A move is on foot to establish a telephone exchange in Poplar Bluff, Dexter, Malden, Corning and Cape Girardeau and connect them through intermediate towns.

Hon. Marsh. Arnold spoke for an hour at Dexter on the 31st ult.

Bro. Flynn, of the DeSoto Gazette, got left on re-election to the city attorneyship.

Wheat is not half as badly damaged in the Southeast as was supposed. A farmer is apt to cry out before he is hurt.

Dunklin county farmers spear big buffalo fish in the woods after a rise in the waters. They are a nice change from hog and hound.

Willie Wray, the Tom Thumb of Sells Bros.' circus, owns land in Dunklin county and calls it his home.

A colored tramp was killed on the railroad north of Ironton on the 4th.

It is now Mayor Hopson at De Soto. Go for the gamblers, James!

Sam Jones is expected at Kennett next month.

The New Madrid postoffice has been raised to the Presidential grade.

The Kennett Odd Fellows are to have a celebration of their own.

De Soto profited by Coxey's army. Fifty-five teams left the town on the Washington.

The construction of Houck's Perry county railroad is under weigh.

Cape Girardeau claims to have the fastest race track south of the Missouri river.

Measles are epidemic in New Madrid at present.

Malden has had a series of revival meetings extending over several months. Her sinners must be tough. In Benton a revival once in two or three years straightens our people up in great shape.

Aha! and Aha!!

The papers of other States have enjoyed themselves hugely for a score or more of years hurling mud in Missouri and calling her names neither complimentary or polite; but just now they discover that she is holding her own with the best of them, and so very near the top that few dare to say to her, Aha! She raises as much corn, wheat and hay to the acre as anybody; her horses are at the front, and her cattle, world beaters; whilst for breeding pigs and poultry she simply takes the cake. She has the largest commercial orchard in the country, and more of them than any other State; the largest Merino sheep farm with more pure bred sheep on it than any other State, and her metropolitan city, "poor sleepy old St. Louis," held her own through all the trying days of the late commercial crisis without a single one of her banks suspending or an important house failing. Who's ahead now?—Rural World.

WEATHER-CROP BULLETIN

Of the Missouri Weather Service.

The weather during the week ending April 13th was very favorable for farm work but too cool, dry and windy for growing crops to make any material advancement. The rainfall was in the shape of light showers and many correspondents report no rain during the week. Considerable corn in the southern counties. Much oats was killed by the severe frosts. In some sections seed for re-sowing is scarce and corn is being substituted. Wheat was damaged to a considerable extent by frost and dry winds. Young clover and timothy were seriously injured and in many counties clover was entirely killed. Many potatoes were frozen and will have to be replanted. Pastures are very backward. Fruit suffered severely in the south but the damage in the north, excepting to peaches, is not as bad as was supposed.

At the close of the week all crops were badly in need of rain. It came on the 8th and 9th.

—Hall and Cooper lands for sale on time payments. Apply to Albert C. Davis, 520 Olive St., St. Louis.

—Deputy Collector Wade left for St. Louis Monday.

—Two choice mares for sale, will work well anywhere. Just the animals for family use. Cash or good notes. W. C. LAMBERT, Benton, Mo.

—Shade trees have been planted in front of the Newsboy office.

—C. J. Heisserer will feed horses at Vincent Heisserer's barn during the April term of circuit court. Ample room and the best of care guaranteed.

—If you want to buy hats for Ladies, Men and Children you will find a magnificent stock at G. Mandelson's, ORAN, MO.



A RED-HOT QUESTION FOR COMPETITORS.

A Helping Hand--A Hard-Times Bonanza

Seeing that Money is Close we will make the Prices Closer and HELP YOU OUT. WE ARE GOING TO SELL SPRING GOODS

By the Power of Irresistible Prices. Our Prices Were Not LAID LOW by Dull Trade, but MADE LOW TO MAKE TRADE.

Better Goods Were Never Offered, Nicer Styles Were Never Shown!

Don't fail to see Our Complete Assortment of New and Select Styles in Staple and Fancy Dry Goods, CLOTHING, HATS and SHOES.

These Goods are the Best Qualities and Truest Values of improved Manufacture. Price alone doesn't make goods Cheap. It requires a Combination of Low Prices and High Grades to do it. THAT'S WHY OUR GOODS ARE CHEAP!

Our Low Prices are an Every Day Affair and for Everybody. Our fine Qualities and New Styles are on Exhibition Every Day.

Why not buy the Best and the Lowest in Price at that?

MAKE A BEE LINE FOR OUR BARGAINS. "FAMOUS" DRY GOODS AND CLOTHING HOUSE, No. 1, Main Street, -- Cape Girardeau, Mo.

FROM NEW HAMBURG.

The election on the 3rd for School Director resulted in the retention of John P. Westrich in the position which he had been appointed on the resignation of Chas. Grojean, the vote being unanimous.

New Hamburg had no town board, mayor or aldermen to elect, hence election day passed quietly.

An infant child of Geo. Kern, living southwest of town, was buried in the Hamburg cemetery Monday.

Quite a number of strangers are on our streets daily--candidates; we presume.

Louis Westrich's new house will be ready for occupancy in about three weeks.

Gravel hauling on our streets is in full swing. Hamburg will have splendid roads by and by.

The cemetery stone wall now in course of construction will be completed about the middle of the month.

Mr. Leo Schott and Miss Theresa Dehorne were married at St. Lawrence's April 10th. Rev. Father Scherer being the nuptial knot.

The Haas boys and associates, the Cape messes, entertained our town with some fine musical selections. Messrs. Hauptmann & Roessel, of the Cape, spent a few days in our village.

Aug. Esmus, better known as Gus Cooper, is not expected to live.

Mr. Firch, of the Cape, has the contract for putting up the iron fence around the cemetery and will begin on same as soon as the mason work is completed.

Hamburg people were well represented at Miss Diebold's sale Saturday and quite a number of articles passed into the hands of her intimate friends.

Theo. Westrich, son of John P. Westrich, who has been sick, is reported improving.

On Saturday last the general talk was of organizing an Annapolis club. We will give more particulars next time.

Born on Monday the 9th inst. a bouncing boy to Mr. and Mrs. Nick Schlosser. Nick says he will be President some day, and in 21 years will vote the Democratic ticket.

Mr. Frank Bles, the Hamburg carpenter, has several building jobs near Kelo. He says despite hard times the farmers will build extensively this summer--a good showing for those who have saved money in the good times for an emergency.

Leo Gosche is the happy papa of a darling girl, born on the 9th. School Directors of district 3, twp. 29 held a special meeting Saturday last for the transaction of important business.

—During circuit court visitors will find good board, lodgings, feed and stabling at W. C. Lambert's. He will run two hacks to and from all trains.

—Dr. Bagwell, of Diehlstadt, honored our sanctum with his presence Saturday.

—Caleb Matthews, of Oran, spent a short while with us Friday.

—First-class baled Timothy Hay for sale. Apply to Mrs. SUSAN GAITHER, Comdie, Mo.

—Miss Litta Gray returned from a visit to Thebes last week.

—Anderson Bros., at Commerce, have just opened a large stock of new Spring Goods, and are in the market to win. See them and save money.

—In the circuit court of Mississippi County, last week, Wm. Orman was sentenced to two years in the penitentiary for horse stealing and Jas. Bushy was sentenced for a like term for burglary. Sheriff Martin and Deputy Shelby left with the prisoners for Jefferson City last Wednesday.

FROM BLODGETT.

The masque social given by Mrs. J. H. Stubbs at the Commercial hotel last Thursday evening proved to be a grand affair. Costumes of almost every description had the pleasure of being present, and some of the finest costumes were worn by Leslie Peal representing night, another by Mrs. J. H. Stubbs representing a school-girl, one by Pearl Peal representing an Indian and various other nice looking costumes. All unmasked at 9:30 p. m., and had a pleasant time for the balance of the evening and every one went home happy.

Blodgett was alive with people last Saturday, and all the merchants did a flourishing business.

The Commercial hotel is now undergoing a general overhauling, being re-painted and papered. The painting and papering is being done by Zeke Absher.

Mrs. Myers and her grand-daughter Mar have been spending a week with relatives in our vicinity.

Miss Lena Sherer went to Oran Sunday.

F. H. Reddick returned from Blandville, Ky., where he has been in the interest of the Graham Nursery Co. Frank says fruit trees cannot be sold there. We think he should start out with a line of pine and burr oak.

Blodgett Lodge, No. 321, is going to attend the 75th anniversary of I. O. O. F., at Fredericktown, in full dress. They have chartered a special coach and there will be room for about sixty. The fare will be \$1.25 for each passenger the round trip.

Rev. Cully, of Doe Run, Mo., was down and preached at the Baptist church Sunday morning and evening. He is a good talker, and a large attendance was present at both sermons.

John Peal went to Belmont Sunday.

Miss Lillie Reddick went to Jackson, Mo., where she is to teach a summer school so we hear.

J. F. Evans and wife went to Cairo Monday.

Victor Seofield is now traveling with the Indianapolis Medical & Surgical Institute corps of physicians and surgeons.

B. F. Marshall has been appointed postmaster of Blodgett by the present administration--vice Halstead resigned.

Chas. Stone, of Commerce, a new aspirant for county clerk, was on our streets shaking up the boys Friday and Saturday.

John Scherer, of New Hamburg, was a welcome visitor here Saturday and Sunday.

Bro. C. C. Poe, of Diehlstadt, the most popular insurance man on record, is in town to-day (Wednesday). We are always glad to see Mr. Poe as he does not come often.

Hunters are quite numerous nowadays. They go out in crowds, but return without any game. S. & S.

Are You Coming to Court.

Having refitted and refurbished my hotel, I am prepared to accommodate quite a large number of visitors during court, and shall be pleased to have your patronage. Respectfully, Mrs. L. A. Townes.

—The fact that L. Daugherty sold his business interests in Morley and came over to Benton Saturday with an eye to business, and the further fact that J. W. Mays is advertising his hotel for sale at a "very low figure" is sufficient to cause an outsider to believe that the Morley people are only joking about wanting the county seat. That Ajax whiskey must have a peculiar effect on the Morley people. Visions of snakes, rats, dogs, etc., are not at all uncommon, but when people get to seeing such monstrosities as a court house--gee whiz!

FROM ORAN.

Col. Phil Hafner and E. H. Smith, the editors of Benton, were here Monday.

Col. DeReign seems to be the favorite of our people for the next Representative. This, in our opinion, is right. Let us select and elect men qualified for the position. Good men without the proper qualifications are equal to no Representative at all.

Candidates are not as plentiful as they might be in Oran these days.

Rev. Father Brandt, of Charleston, lectured here Sunday night on "The Divinity of Christ." He seems to know all the evidence which goes to prove this proposition. One of his witnesses went back on him however. He proves by the Jews that the prophecies are authentic, that there could be no conspiracy among the prophets, as they lived in different centuries and did not know each other, but if the Jews are questioned as to the divinity of Christ they say no.

Mr. Blackburn, of Kentucky, who lives in the old postoffice building, is confined to his bed with pneumonia. His brother-in-law, Joseph Wilson, of Hazelwood, Ky., visited him during the past week. Mr. B. is said to be better at this writing.

Mrs. J. W. Clemens visited relatives at Kelo since our last letter. Rumor says her sister, Mrs. Dr. Williams, is dangerously ill.

Miss Mamie Jones, of Commerce, presided at the organ Sunday at the Baptist church. Miss Jones is quite an accomplished musician.

Mrs. Joseph Bles met with a very painful accident Tuesday morning. A dynamite cap exploded while she was holding it in her left hand. Her thumb, first and second fingers were torn off. The thumb at the second joint, the index finger at the third joint and the middle finger at the junction of the nail. She is suffering greatly at this time.

Thos. Hughes moved into his hotel Saturday last. Mr. Calvin Forrester moved into the residence vacated by Mr. Hughes.

Dr. W. E. Harris will build an addition to his dwelling in the near future.

The two new buildings on the Prof. lots are about ready for occupancy.

Andrew Metz, Sr., bought two lots from W. H. Stubbfield, near Moran's since our last letter.

Rumor says that Miss Jimmie Nichols will take course at the Cape Normal right away.

Mr. Lampson, the lumber man, shipped a car of lumber from here Tuesday.

April must have borrowed to-day (Tuesday) from March. It is cold and windy like sixty.

WANTED--The use of a cow with a young calf during the summer. Will take good care of same and will winter them next winter. Apply to W. P. Howle, Oran, Mo.

Mr. Quarry claims that most of the big manufactures were built and were run on borrowed capital. Will the editor state if such is true or not. [It is both true and untrue in a sense. The rule applies to all business enterprises. Given, a man who understands a business and has no capital, he can mostly find capital (without capacity) to back him. But it is no truer of manufacturing than of other interests. Ed.]

Rev. Reeves' argument on close communion is hard to put down. He is willing to discuss the question with any gentleman who doubts the correctness of his views. Uno.

FARMERS! Now is your time to buy your Shoes and Clothing 25 percent cheaper than any place in Scott County.

G. MANDELSON, Oran, Mo.

—Quite a large crowd attended the Executor's sale of the estate of Josephine Diebold, last Saturday.

FROM SIKESTON.

Phil Hafner, proprietor of the Newsboy, was down on business on Tuesday. Phil looks like a healthy and as usual is full of business.

Miss Julia De Vault, of Jonesboro, Mo., is visiting her aunt, Mrs. J. D. Ebert.

Misses Nellie Dawson and Hattie Waters accompanied by Messrs. Wm. Conran and Lloyd Diggs, of New Madrid, spent last Sunday with their numerous friends here.

Mr. G. Holley and family returned the first of the week from a visit to their former home.

Rube Matthews left for New Madrid the first of the week to look after the McCormick harvesting business. Rube has been employed as "general agent" by the company to look after the district between Commerce and New Madrid.

Tuesday being pay day at Moorehouse every business house in town had a representative there. Among those were Wm. Barnes, Frank Heiser, Wm. Tanner, E. B. Mills, J. N. Chaney, J. H. Vanauddall, J. V. Bandy, Linton Jones and David Beardsley.

Dr. Wyatt went to Cairo the latter part of last week and returned with a fine new saddle horse.

Jas. Tyler is now day clerk in "Uncle Joe's" hotel at Cairo.

Prof. Warner, of St. Louis did a fine optical business at E. B. Mills drugstore this week.

The late rains were beneficial to the growing wheat crop, which is again looking fine. The damage done by the March frosts will not be noticeable in a day or two.

Wm. Heisserer, candidate for collector of Scott county, was down from Benton Wednesday last.

Master Jerome Rider died of spinal meningitis on Tuesday evening at the residence of Chas. Tanner. He was buried on Wednesday. Both public schools turned out and followed the remains of their schoolmate to their last resting place. It will be remembered that this boy's mother was interred a few years ago, and his father was tried for the murder, but the evidence was not strong enough to convict him.

—Fresh Celery now on hand at Will Ristig's. Also the best Oysters procurable. Lunches served at a moment's notice during circuit court. Give him a call!

—State Supt. of Education, Wolfe, delivered his lecture on "What should be Taught in the Public School," at the court house in Benton Thursday of last week. He made a strong protest against the irrational system of education in vogue, claiming that it began at the wrong end. He deprecated the cramming process which prevails and made a strong plea for teaching children the meaning of their surroundings instead of stuffing their heads with the "ologies." He told of the amount of work he had done since he had assumed the office and promised continued assiduity if re-elected. The lecture was listened to with much attention, and Mr. Wolfe made a favorable impression on all who met him.

—Best price paid for late potatoes by Jumbo Reeder.

—On Wednesday Sylvester Smith, of Morley, constituted himself a committee of one to inspect the accommodations of Benton jail, which may be moved to Morley during the Greek Kalends. For this laudable purpose he imbibed enough of Joe's best (?) to render him a fit candidate for the cells, and was duly gathered in by the marshal and posse. Thursday morning he made arrangements with the mayor to pay \$10.00 for the privilege of inspection. Cheap, ain't it?

—Jumbo wants to buy your late potatoes at the highest price paid.

—Jerome Rider died at Sikeston last Tuesday evening. He was the boy who testified against his father, J. H. Rider, who was charged with the murder of his wife, near Sikeston, about four years ago, and acquitted by a Cape county jury. When asked on his deathbed if he wished to see his father, Jerome answered: "No, I don't want to see him; he killed my mamma."

—Bring in your bacon home to Old Jumbo. He pays the best prices.

—Messrs. Cole & McDonald are at work clearing ground at Squire Lambert's for a brickyard, which will be in running order in a week.

—Mr. Cole is from Clinton, Ky.

—Mr. McDonald from Paragould, Ark. Both are said to be substantial business men, and we welcome them to Benton.

—The Benton Town Board met Wednesday night and reappointed Phil A. Hafner chairman and John R. Welch marshal and street commissioner.

—Old Jumbo will buy your bacon hams. Bring 'em along.

—Dr. C. D. Harris is associated with Dr. C. C. Harris in the practice of medicine at Morley. All responsible calls attended, day or night.

—During circuit court Will Ristig will make a specialty of counter lunches. Only the best goods kept.

—Married, at St. Augustine's church, Kelo, Tuesday, April 10th, Peter Compas to Miss Lena Burger.

—Will Ristig has on hand the very finest Kalamazoo celery.

—Charley Profit has gone to Hot Springs, Ark., to take care of Geo. Mier, who is under surgical treatment there.

—Frank Miller has rented the residence of the late Josephine Diebold.

—Rev. Kennedy preached in Benton Wednesday night.

TO CORRESPONDENTS.

A. N. E. Bleda.—No, you mistake the situation. Say that our silver dollar of 4121 grains is only worth 56 cents as bullion, still it is better than paper in this, that you have at least 56 cents good the world over whereas with the paper dollar, should our government's credit decline, you might have nothing. The government is known to be good for that 44 cents here at home and that makes your 56 cents worth of silver good for a dollar. In China it would probably be worth little more than 56 cents, however.

Curious, Stringtown.—You ask why we don't publish Hick's weather predictions. Simply because we do not care to propagate a fraud. Hick predicts nothing. His language is so ambiguous that you can't understand it. He makes it so purposely. He predicted both a mild and severe winter. His predictions can't come out right in two localities separated by distance or mountain ranges or other factors. You can predict the weather for Scott County much better than he can even if you put it down at hap-hazard. You can't be wrong any oftener than he is, and you are bound to strike it right for some date or dates in a month. Try it!

Gardener.—The canning factory at Morley will take all the sweet corn and tomatoes you can raise. They will pay you better than wheat. Communicate with the parties running the cannery.

Stranger.—No, we never aspired to a county office, having had all we could attend to in the Newsboy office. Bro. Smith tried his hand at it once but got badly left.

Pollox.—We fired it into the waste basket and the waste paper kicked it out. We return it as requested and you owe us two cents. It is the worst rubbish we ever read and that's saying a good deal. Clearly, you can't express yourself in common prose, and here you try verse. Your first line is eight feet (eight feet!) long your next twelve and your third sixteen and so on. You can't get "feet" and "dare" to rhyme, nor "skies" and "obsequies." Don't send us any more such rot, please.

Minnie.—No, most of the so-called creditors and plasters are no good. They generally come from wearing a number 4 shoe on a 5 foot, but too large shoes are about as bad. Try shoes that fit you and they will disappear of themselves, or will, at least, cease to hurt.

A Persimmon Sprout.

Last Saturday evening Joel Bennett and John Legrand, of the Sandy Woods, drove up to the Newsboy office and wanted to know if we knew what would produce a persimmon sprout besides the seed. We gave it up--admitting that our knowledge regarding persimmon sprouts was limited. Dr. Butler was called and likewise admitted his inability to answer the question. Upon being informed that they grow from grub worms we hooted at the idea. Here Mr. Legrand drew from his pocket a small tin box and took out a grub worm as if its natural state (dead, of course) from the mouth of which had grown a sprout about two inches long. Dr. Freeling was called to see the curiosity and wanted to know if it had been made to order. However, both doctors and the editor had to admit that the story they had so often treated as a "fake," viz: that persimmons grew from grub worms, was probably true. Mr. Bennett says he found seven of these worms in a spot of a few feet, and that all had sprouts, and that, if planted, it would soon develop sufficiently to convince anyone that it was a persimmon sprout. He promised to bring us one.

—If you think of buying furniture, it will pay you to inspect the stock of Anderson Bros., at Commerce, and get prices. They can and will give you money.

—Sol. LaFleur loaded up on Friday of last week, and it took quite a force to put him where he could cool off. Saturday morning he was all right, and his night's lodgings cost him \$16.80. It comes high to board at Benton jail.

—Fresh Oysters--the very best Tony Faust brands--at Ristig's.

—Mrs. Dr. Blackledge, Mrs. Gus Old, Mrs. Frank Anderson and Mrs. G. G. Matthews, of Commerce, visited in Benton Wednesday.

—Judge Riley will preside over circuit court from a handsome new chair just provided by the county.